

MARK DURBIN BIO

Mark Durbin retired in 2010 after 31 years in municipal management, including 29 years as the chief executive officer of three city governments. During his tenure in city government, he has successfully worked with elected officials, volunteer boards and efficient management teams. The governments for which Mark worked had good reputations as organizations that worked hard for the residents.

The last 23 years of Mark's career were spent as City Manager of Kissimmee, Florida, a community which grew from 25,000 to 62,000 residents during his tenure. Kissimmee is a suburb of Orlando, and is the closest community to Walt Disney World. Kissimmee has a reputation of good government, including listening to the residents, developing strategic plans for the long term and adopting annual goals for improving the community. While City Manager of Kissimmee, he oversaw the construction of a new city hall, police station, maintenance facility, civic center, several community centers, three fire stations and several water/sewer plants. The city's budget was well over \$100 million, and before the recession of 2006-07, the number of employees had grown to over 900. In 2008, Kissimmee was selected by the National Civic League as an All America City, an honor that goes to only 10 communities in the United States every year.

Mark currently does volunteer work for Johnson University Florida and for First Christian Church of Kissimmee. In addition, he volunteers as a Range Rider for the Florida City and County Managers Association, helping mentor city managers across Florida, assisting cities with their city manager searches and facilitating city council goal-setting retreats. Recently, Mark was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Greater Osceola Partnership for Economic Prosperity, an independent government group seeking to bring new jobs to the Osceola County community. Mark serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Community Vision, an Osceola County non-profit focused on building community leadership and facilitating solutions for human services needs. Finally, Mark serves as the Treasurer of the Alexander Christian Foundation, a non-profit organization which raises funds for scholarships for students attending a bible college.